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<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/594,237	<b>Applicant(s)</b> OI, KENICHI
	<b>Examiner</b> PHYLESHA DABNEY	<b>Art Unit</b> 2614

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1.  This communication is responsive to 7/1/09.

2.  The allowed claim(s) is/are 6 and 7.

3.  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a)  All    b)  Some\*    c)  None    of the:

1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.

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6.  DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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**DETAILED ACTION**

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 7/1/09 has been entered.

This action is in response to the Amendment received, wherein claims 6 and 7 are pending.

***Reasons For Allowance***

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record fails to teach a portable telephone, comprising: a first body; and a second body slidably superposed opposed to the first body, wherein the portable telephone has a closed state in which opposite faces totally superposes each other and an opened state in which the opposite faces partially superposes each other, wherein said first body, within an area in which the first body is superposed on the second body in the opened state, includes: a first slit in which a slider fixed on the second body is slidably engaged; and a boss, provided at a position adjacent to an end of the first slit, which is configured to project upwardly above the first body, wherein the slider contacts with the end of the first slit in the closed state, and wherein said second body, within an area in which the second body is superposed on the first body in the

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opened state, includes a second slit in which the boss is slidably engaged, as substantially described and connected with the other claims.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to PHYLESHA DABNEY whose telephone number is (571)272-7494. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday 9:00-4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Curtis Kuntz can be reached on 571-272-7499. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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